

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending and have been allowed. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim.

Claims 1-10 have been amended. The amendments to the claims are not believed to affect their patentability.

The specification has been amended to attend to formal matters.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for discussing the claim amendments with Applicants' undersigned representative in a telephone conference. In that conference, the Examiner indicated that she believed the claim amendments would be acceptable, pending an updated search.

Support for the amendments made herein can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added.

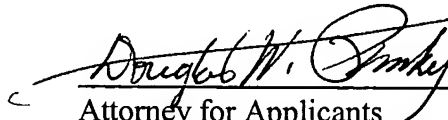
In support of the amendment to the specification at page 17, the Examiner is referred, e.g., to Fig. 2B and to the specification at page 21, line 20 to page 22, line 2.

In support of the amendments to Claim 1, the Examiner is referred to the specification at, for example, page 14, line 11 to page 16 line 16.

Favorable consideration and entry hereof is respectfully requested.

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